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Turn Attention
to North Ireland.

With what looks like a settlement of the differences in South Ireland it seems as if the storm centre was shifting to the north. The difference is now largely one of the boundary line between the two sections of the country. There are a large number of Sinn Feiners in the north who would like to join the south but they do not wish to change their place of residence. They continue to make things hot for the north in the hope that the territory in which they live will be transferred to the Irish Free State.

Matter of Freedom
Chiefly Sentiment.

The matter of freedom is chiefly one of sentiment. People in the north are free to go about their own business just as they are in the south. They have their own parliament and executive council, make their own laws and enforce them. There is nobody oppressing them. The government is one that was agreed upon and accepted with alacrity by the people. There are, however, in that part of the country intense religious differences, and these differences seem to keep alive a spirit of hatred. The differences are really very slight, but the people do not feel that way. The differences appear large and slight happenings there have great significance. Every man has a chip on his shoulder and is daring the other to knock it off.

In spite of the little troubles of which we hear and shall hear in the future, it seems scarcely likely that the Irish question will again loom large.

Quiet Time Here
Makes People Uneasy.

Business is quiet here, and this is making people uneasy. It must be expected that it will be quiet for some weeks yet. It can hardly be otherwise. We all feared a quiet time, but it is not so quiet as it might have been. Prince Rupert has not suffered much and it will take only a small impetus to set us going again.

Within a few weeks there should be word of some developments in this north country. Stewart is busier this winter than she has been for many a previous winter and travel in that direction will commence soon. Everything points to the beginning of a revival soon. There is absolutely no need to be anything but optimistic.

Why Pessimistic
About the Women?

Says the Winnipeg Free Press: Papers, preachers, professors and others are full of pessimism about the young lady of today. They say she smokes, she paints her face, she dances to jazz music, she stays out late nights, she dresses (mildly), she doesn't mind her mother, she calls her father "Old Bean," she's flip and she's frivolous, and goodness knows what isn't wrong with her. Truly it is a cheery enough picture of the freedom and the gaiety of life today but—what of the future? Ah, there's the rub? What kind of mothers are those girls going to make? what about the future of the race? That's the question that is leading to the worry.

Frankly speaking, we don't know what of the future. It may turn out to be all the pessimists are saying, and worse, which would be a bad thing for the race. We believe, however, that twenty-five years ago the pessimists were saying the same thing about the girl of that day. What are the girls of today coming to? That is what the grandmothers were asking back in '96. What kind of mothers were they going to make? Well, what are the facts? Despite it all, we have a fairly decent lot of mothers today. And the race isn't showing many signs of going to the dogs. It was a fairly husky race in the late war.

No, no. Perhaps the pessimists are all wrong. The mothers of the race are always all right. It may be that these terrible girls of today will turn out to be fine, sweet, home-loving mothers. That is, at least, when they are over sixty.

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TRUTH AND HONOR.

Editor Daily News:

I beg to take exception to your inference that would belittle your efforts to prevent the ruining of young people. If you will read my letter of yesterday again you will find that I do not, I object to scandal, which ruins reputations.

In your editorial of today you take the proper stand regarding the publishing of charges against officials. There has been too much of this thing of "bearing false witness." The most sacred thing we have next to our liberty—is truth and honor. I do not want to see our young people lose their love of liberty or truth, which are of more importance to me than all the dope peddlers.

In fact my contention is that the restrictions placed on the sale of "dope" only make it more desirable in the eyes of foolish people. If our young people are brought up to a high regard for truth and honor they do not need these restrictions, and when they do, an asylum is the proper place for them. The best governed country is the best governed.

HOOMES K. FREEMAN.

Ten Years Ago
in Prince Rupert

To stand helpless on a rock and watch his wife and young son drown before his eyes was the lot of Lighthouse Keeper Elsterman, of Lawyer Island, this morning. The boat in which the victims were rowing capsized in the heavy seas.

The lighthouse tender Newington has been sent to Queen Charlotte Islands to search for the missing schooner King George and the launch Josephine with Henry Edenshaw and party on board. The launch left Massett fifteen days ago for the scene of oil boring operations on the west coast and has not since been heard of.

The fisheries cruiser Falcon arrived in port today with the halibut boat Princess Victoria in tow. The latter vessel went ashore on Dundas Island.

OTHER SIDE
SUNDAY LAW

Rev. Dr. Grant Writes in Defense of Dr. Hueistis and Sabbath Observance.

The following letter has been received from Rev. Dr. Grant:—

Referring to your editorial yesterday, in which you commended the police commission for filing Dr. Hueistis' letter, will you bear with me while I give a few reasons why I think that action was wrong, and why I disagree with you.

Dr. Hueistis is the secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, an organization that is represented in nearly every town between Halifax and Prince Rupert. This organization is the father of the Lord's Day Act and had it made law by the Dominion Parliament. In its efforts in this direction, the Alliance was backed by the Moral and Social Reform Council of Canada, and it in its turn is representative of every church in the Dominion, as well as the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

You can see therefore that the act has wide backing, that it is a Dominion law, and every citizen of the Dominion has an interest in seeing that it is effectively administered in every part of our land. I do not therefore think it can be reasonably charged that Dr. Hueistis was going beyond his right in courteously asking that the law be administered in this city. I agree with you that we are a law abiding people, and especially that the Lord's Day Act is fairly well administered, and I believe that Dr. Hueistis would say the same, but in one respect we do show some laxity in allowing some places of business to keep open on Sunday.

When he was here last year Dr. Hueistis interviewed the tobaccoists of the city about closing. His report to me was that every man would welcome the enforcing of the law against commercializing the Sunday. They intimated they were forced to keep open because their competitors did. He then saw the mayor and asked if nothing could be done. The mayor promised to look into the question when he had dealt with other matters he had in view. Since then Dr. Hueistis had been written to by a citizen of this city informing him that the Lord's Day Act was not being enforced. He wrote to the mayor and courteously asking him to implement his promise. This letter, which has a background of his former interview, and the request of a citizen, was submitted to the police commission and filed.

I hardly think, Mr. Editor, that you can agree that a letter with all this background was dealt with reasonably when merely ordered to be filed. Let us look for a moment at the class of men who are openly violating the act in the city. Outside of the tobaccoists they are largely Orientals and others of non-British birth. They are not to be blamed for I expect they had no training as we have had in respecting the British Sunday. Do you think, Mr. Editor, we are paving the way for respect for British law, when we allow them openly to break this one, Lord's Day Act.

Now a few words in regard to the law itself. The principle of the act is the assurance of a right rather than the repression of a liberty. Every man has the right to shoot, fish, swim, picnic and do anything else he likes on Sunday, and there is nothing in the act interfering with his liberty in this respect. The act does not even compel a man to go to church. The act guards the right of every man to a cessation from labor one day in seven, which day shall be the Lord's Day, popularly known as Sunday. In work of a continuous nature such as that of telephone operators, the law provides that those who work on Sunday shall have a holiday one other day in the week. Nothing so very wrong about that is there?

The other principle involved is that Sunday shall not be commercialized, that is no man shall pursue his ordinary calling on Sunday for gain except in a work of necessity or mercy. This includes selling goods. Of course it is a privilege we would all no doubt enjoy to be able

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